IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND NORTHERN DIVISION

* WILLIAM C. BOND,

Plaintiff

Civil Action No.: MJG-01-CV-2600 v.

KENNETH BLUM, SR., et al.,

Defendants

MOTION TO RECUSE

Now comes Plaintiff, William C. Bond, by his attorneys, Howard J. Schulman and Schulman & Kaufman, LLC, and, pursuant to 28 U.S.C., § 455, states:

- 1. William C. Bond instituted a legal malpractice suit against Gerald Messerman, an Ohio attorney, on approximately January 31, 2003. A copy of the lawsuit is attached to William C. Bond's Affidavit.
- 2. The Affidavits of William C. Bond and Richard M. Karceski attached hereto reflect that the Honorable Marvin J. Garbis is a close friend of Mr. Messerman. Mr. Bond's Affidavit further reflects that the lawsuit filed by Mr. Bond against Mr. Messerman and others was reported in *The Daily Record*, Baltimore's legal and business daily, and given a relatively prominent position in the February 5, 2003 issue. A copy is attached.

For the reasons stated above, this Court's impartiality might reasonably be questioned, given the Court's friendship with Mr. Messerman.

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